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Lebanon

Political Developments — The problem over the venue for the national dialogue conference will be resolved soon by an agreement to hold simultaneous meetings in Jidda and Beirut, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio reported citing "informed government sources." On the other hand, Voice of Lebanon radio said Syria told its supporters not to accept Jidda as a venue for the talks. The radio also indicated that the Lebanese Government has acceded to Syrian demands that "neutral" observers rather than UN troops supervise the cease-fire, saying "there is a possibility" that international observers will be brought from Greece, India, and Yugoslavia.

Meanwhile, Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt told a press conference in Athens that the dialogue conference may be held in Saudi Arabia, Tunis, or Geneva, according to Radio Monte Carlo. He said that he will ask the Italian prime minister to block arms sales to the Lebanese Government, ANSA reported. Junblatt also called for a new Lebanese constitution that would make the presidency subject to popular vote, Athens radio noted.

Israeli Line — Israel is considering the option of "sealing off" the Al-Awwali River line in Lebanon, Defense Minister Moshe Arens told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in remarks reported by Jerusalem radio.

Security — The security situation in southern Beirut suffered another setback when the Lebanese Army was obliged to use tanks to silence snipers who had wounded four people, Beirut radio reported. Nevertheless, an Army Command statement broadcast by the radio announced an easing of the curfew between Ash-Shuwayfat and the southern suburbs.

PLO Affairs

Syria is "conspiring" with the United States to liquidate the Palestinian revolution, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat declared in remarks reported by North Lebanon Voice of Palestine radio. While urging Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad not to cause "another catastrophe" for the Palestinians, 'Arafat said he expects a Syrian attack on the PLO positions near Tripoli within the next few days.

Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf disclosed that the Syrians recently shelled some of Tripoli's suburbs, but "the fire was not returned because all are eager to avoid a massacre." Speaking on Radio Monte Carlo, Khalaf denounced recent defections to the Fatah dissidents by Palestinians in Syria as "theatrical acts to make the public think that the dissident movement is growing." He warned that Syria and the dissidents want to establish a new Fatah leadership under Nimr Salih and to replace 'Arafat as PLO Executive Committee chairman, possibly with PNC Speaker Khalid Al-Fahum, who has joined the "collusion." The PFLP and DFLP are also under pressure to join this scheme, Khalaf asserted.

The DFLP has rejected Syrian orders to evacuate its forces from the Al-Biqa' valley, according to Baghdad Voice of PLO radio. The radio also claimed Libya has threatened to withdraw financial assistance to the PFLP and DFLP unless they stop supporting the PLO leadership.

Israel

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor has announced that he will vote for the new government on 10 october, thus assuring Prime Minister-designate Yitzhaq Shamir of at least 62 out of the 120 Knesset votes, Jerusalem radio reported.

Egyptian, Israeli Military Capabilities

The Egyptian Armed Forces test-launched the first Egyptian-made antiaircraft missile, which is similar to the Soviet SAM-7, MENA reported. Defense Minister Field Marshal 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah said Egypt will produce more than 200 such missiles by 1984 and will be willing to export them to Iraq. Meanwhile, the commander of the Egyptian Navy announced that Egypt plans to have the strongest Arab naval force, according to MENA.

The Jerusalem Post cited an Israeli television report that a Hawk missile, "with a secret Israeli modification," was responsible for the downing of a MIG-25 over Beirut in August 1982. Earlier, Jerusalem radio noted that Israel has developed a Mark-II Merkava tank.

Kohl Tour

FRG Chancellor Helmut Kohl began his Middle East tour by arriving in Jordan for a 3-day official visit, Amman radio reported. At a banquet in Kohl's honor, King Husayn deplored the "indifference governing the world's behavior toward Israel's continued aggression against the Arabs" and called on the FRG and the European Community to adopt a "responsible stand" in order to achieve peace and resolve the Palestine question, the radio noted.

Iran

The clergy has a duty to denounce those "satans" who attempt to sow division by spreading reports of differences among Iran's political and religious leaders, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni told clergymen in a speech broadcast by Tehran radio. He also urged them to go to the fronts and border towns where the clergy's services are badly needed, adding that they should pay "special attention" to this issue. Regarding the forthcoming Majlis elections, Khomeyni warned that "certain individuals" will seek election in order to destroy or defeat the Islamic Republic. He also reaffirmed warnings over oil supplies, claiming that Iran would be able to cut off oil from the Gulf "before America has time to move."

Afghanistan

Further Criticism of U.S. — A Foreign Ministry statement broadcast by Kabul radio strongly protested Secretary of Defense Weinberger's recent "provocative" visit to rebel training camps in Pakistan and accused the U.S. Administration of exerting pressure on Pakistan in order to hinder the progress of the current DRA-Pakistan talks.

Attack on Soviet Embassy — Mujahidin attacked the Soviet Embassy in Kabul on 1 October, disrupting electricity supplies to the building, SPA reported citing diplomatic sources in Islamabad.

Chad

Chadian authorities described the results of the French-African summit at Vittel, France, as "undeniably positive," despite the failure of the conferees to agree on a common position on Chad, AFP reported. President Hissein Habre's declared willingness to negotiate with the Chadian opposition does not mean the Chadian Government has softened its position, the Chadian information minister asserted.

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Foreign Ministry Condemns Weinberger Visit to Pakistan
LD052105 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] Here is a statement by the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued in Kabul on 5 October 1983:

In continuation of the visits of high-ranking U.S. personnel to Pakistan, U.S. Defense Secretary Weinberger recently arrived in Pakistan. Weinberger's visit to Pakistan took place at a time when the lackeys of U.S. imperialism, pursuing its adventurist and provocative foreign policy, have not only further broadened their aggressions, shameless interference, and undeclared war against revolutionary Afghanistan, but have intensified its warmongering policy and militaristic activities all over the world and, in particular, have embarked on dangerous games in our region.

Despite the turbulent situation in Pakistan, which stems from the stranglehold of the militaristic regime and lack of democratic freedoms in the country, and the (?fact) that the people of Pakistan have condemned the Reagan administration as an ally of Pakistan's militaristic rulers and are displaying their repulsion and profound hatred toward it, the visit of the Pentagon chief to Islamabad shows how important Pakistan is in U.S. world strategy.

The Pentagon bosses, trampling on the national interests of Pakistan, are striving to obtain the right to freely use Pakistan's military bases and ports for its Rapid Deployment Force, in return for millions of dollars worth of sophisticated U.S. weapons to meet the need of the militarists of that country; to further mobilize that country as a springboard and fortress of aggression against the countries of the region, particularly against the DRA and India; and to secure it even more tightly to its war machine.

The continuous visits of the high-ranking bosses of Washington, among them the visit to Pakistan of the U.S. defense secretary, also follow another evil aim: the intensification of aggression and interference against the DRA which, as an independent, progressive,and nonaligned country has been transformed in the region as a thorn in the side of the U.S. politicians.

The provocative visit of Weinberger and his entourage to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries' training camp in Peshawar, the (?threatening) statements by the U.S. defense secretary about Afghanistan, and his reiteration of Washington's undertaking to supply more weapons to the counterrevolutionary bands again prove that the Reagan administration is determined to fan anti-Afghan hysteria by the intensification of all kinds of interference, including armed interference against revolutionary Afghanistan.

Moreover, the U.S. Administration is practically creating obstacles to the progress of the current talks between our country and Pakistan, by exerting various kinds of pressure on Pakistan's militaristic regime and by praising the hostile stand of the Pakistani generals against the DRA and through various pretexts. Thus, [words indistinct] the immediate solution of issues around Afghanistan which would be for the benefit of the vital interests of both countries and of peace in the region.

It is noteworthy that the United States and its NATO allies are carrying out all these subversive and aggressive actions against the DRA and against the USSR — this reliable supporter of world peace, earnest and faithful friend of Afghanistan — under the guise of [word indistinct] fabricated and slanderous propaganda of the imperialist monopoly's psychological warfare machinery.

By creating a hue and cry about the so-called military threat of the Soviet Union and by embarking on conspiracies and devilish and cowardly provocation against the USSR, they want to disguise from the world public their direct military intervention and inhuman crimes in Central and South America, Chad, South Africa, Lebanon, the Middle East, the Gulf region, and the Indian Ocean. However, such last ditch efforts can only help to further expose the hateful features of the Washington bosses and their obedient servants.

The DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in strongly protesting the provocative visit of the U.S. defense secretary to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries' training camps, regards his bias and hostile statements against revolutionary Afghanistan as direct interference in the internal affairs of an independent country with national rights of sovereignty, and vigorously condemns it.

We believe no one in the world, including the hellish CIA and the gigantic political and warfare machinery of the Reagan administraton and its international allies, can turn back the wheel of history and prevent our working people from following the path of progress and future prosperity. Despite all their feverish efforts, they will never again see the prerevolution Afghanistan.

Dost Meets Foreign Counterparts in New York
LD052315 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs and head of the DRA delegation at the 38th session of the UN General Assembly, met with UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar on 3 October at UN Headquarters. At this meeting, views were exchanged on subjects of mutual interest including continuation of the UN secretary general's activities for the political solution of events in South Asia.

Shah Mohammad Dost also met yesterday at UN Headquarters with the chairman of the UN General Assembly and exchanged views on subjects of mutual interest.

According to another report, on 28 September, Shah Mohammad Dost met in New York with the foreign ministers of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of Bulgaria; on 3 October,he met with the foreign ministers of the GDR and the People's Republic of Poland; and, on 4 October, he met the foreign minister of Algeria. At these meetings, views were exchanged in a friendly atmosphere on subjects of mutual interest.

Press Conference Exposes Activities of UK 'Spy'

LD041907 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 4 Oct 83

[Text] Dear listeners: As you were informed some time ago, a number of counterrevolutionary elements who wanted to smuggle a large quantity of lapis lazuli into Pakistan were captured by the security authorities.

During an encounter with one of these smugglers' bands, a spy belonging to the British intelligence service by the name of Stewart Bodman was killed as he accompanied this band. In connection with the imperialist interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and so as to expose its shameless crimes, BAKHTAR held a press conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is hereby brought to you:

[Begin recording] [unidentified speaker] Here is a BAKHTAR announcement:

The undeclared war unleashed by imperialism and reaction against our homeland, the DRA, a free, independent, and sovereign country, is continuing on all fronts. International imperialism and the regional reaction, at the instigation of the United States, intensifies this war from day to day against our homeland, people, and revolution. The intensification of the undeclared imperialist war against our country is a part of the great wave of warmongering and aggression by the United States under the Reagan administration which is lunatically drawing the world toward catastrophe and annihilation.

Imperialism, led by U.S. imperialism, more than ever before spreads the (?danger) of war and fans the fire of war and annihilation in various parts of the world. In its undeclared war against our homeland, U.S. imperialism more than ever before is drawing in its NATO allies and is exerting pressure on them to take an active part in this filthy imperialist war. The U.S. allies in the aggressive NATO bloc, who have been transformed to unquestioning henchmen of U.S. imperialism, more than ever before (?bow) their heads and participate in the U.S. undeclared war against our country.

In this undeclared war waged against the DRA by U.S. imperialism, a special place has been allocated to Pakistan. Areas for training bandits have been established in Pakistan where Afghan counterrevolutionaries undergo military training and are taught methods of terror and (?murder). Pakistani territory in general is the source of the lethal weapons sent to our homeland for fratricide and from where the imperialist spies are sent to illegally enter our country. These spies practically assist the counterrevolutionaries, teach them methods of terror, murder, and subversion, engage in espionage in our country on behalf of imperialist espionage and information organizations of imperialism, and finally take part in smuggling and plundering the national wealth of our country.

As our compatriots have been informed, some time ago a group of counterrevolutionary elements attempted to smuggle to Pakistan a large quantity of lapis lazuli worth more than $2.5 million. The band was captured by a unit of the Soviet military contingents in Afghanistan and the lapis lazuli was handed over to Afghan authorities.

As a result of a clash which took place with one of these smuggling bands, an Englishman by the name of Stewart Bodman, who was accompanying the band, was killed. On the basis of documents and the confession of captured witnesses, it was ascertained that a number of citizens of other European countries also were accompanying the band. The documents recovered from Stewart Bodman are indicative of the shameless interference of imperialist countries in our country, the active assistance of the imperialist espionage organizations with the Afghan counterrevolutionaries, and the extensive espionage organizations of the imperialist countries in our country. The documents show that a group of spies of the infernal espionage organization of British intelligence illegally entered our country in April this year from Pakistan with a counterrevolutionary group by way of (Stara) Mangal. According to the documents at hand, this group was assigned to collect espionage information in our country, to help the Afghan counterrevolutionaries in various areas, and to organize subversive and terrorist actions in our country.

The documents show that the group also had to study reliable methods and ways for smuggling lapis lazuli and other precious stones from our country. Among the documents recovered from the killed spy was a very modern communications unit, equipped with a computer coding system through which the group communicated their collected espionage information via a U.S. satellite in outerspace. Also, the documents show that the group was assigned to station a network of complex espionage communications equipment in various parts of Afghanistan and to maintain their link with the U.S. space satellite. Thus, they had to not only discover what kind of weapons were used by Afghan-Soviet military forces, but also to collect information about the countries in the region and the Soviet territory and then communicate this espionage information via the U.S. satellite to the espionage centers of imperialism. The documents show that they also wanted to collect information about [word indistinct] of a number of Afghan citizens. In this respect, the photographs, [word indistinct] and particulars of 19 Afghans were recorded in one of the documents.

In a diary which was recovered, he mentioned 25 timed fuses, 25 electrical fuses, and 50 flashes carried by his group, which are all used for the manufacture of mines and (?bombs). The document notes a large quantity of chemical substances which are used for the manufacture of explosives. Their quantity and composition also was mentioned. This makes it clear that they were preparing explosive substances in the locality and had brought fuses and flashes along with them. The documents also indicate the qualities of explosives and the method of their use. This indicates that the group came to our country prepared to clash with the Afghan forces.

On the basis of the seized documents, the aforementioned espionage group was equipped with information concerning the (?treatment of wounds) inflicted by fire arms. This fact shows that they were thinking of the possibility of a clash during their espionage operations. The seized documents clearly show that the operation of the group was not limited to espionage activity, but

they were actively helping the counterrevolutionaries. It is clearly pointed out in the documents that the Afghan counterrevolutionaries also helped them in their espionage operations and, in the event of danger, hid them in mosques. The documents show that a specialist in explosives was also part of the group. The name of the specialist was (?Tom). He taught the Afghan counterrevolutionaries how to mix chemical substances for manufacturing explosives, mines, and bombs and the method of their use and the [word indistinct] of mortars. The documents recovered from Bodman note how many times the Afghan counterrevolutionary groups were taught the use of explosive substances. It is also stated in the documents that the aforementioned group was not alone. In April this year, at the same time as they entered Afghanistan, two French spies, a Swedish spy, and a Japanese spy also illegally entered Afghanistan from Pakistani territory. Two other letters were recovered from the spy and have the mark of (?Gulf Feature Services). They show that it was planned that another four English spies by the names of (Roderick McGinn), (Chris), (Stephen Elwich), and (Phil) would also join them. The documents show that the imperialist esiponage organizations are in constant touch with the Afghan counterrevolutionaries, and the aforementioned group also came to Afghanistan in 1982.

The documents show that the subversive and espionage operations of the group were organized and led by two doubtful British and French organizations by the name of Gulf Feature Services and Aide Medicale Internationale. The documents and evidence in hand are an indication of the wide dimensions of international imperialism's interference in the internal affairs of our country. The documents that have been recovered from the aforementioned spy for the imperialist espionage organization, the British intelligence services, show that all imperialist countries, headed by the criminal U.S. imperialism, the region's reactionaries, and the Afghan counterrevolutionaries are continuing the undeclared aggressive imperialist war against our homeland, people, and revolution. The espionage operations that the aforementioned group were carrying out in our country, is not the first of these incidents. Very complex imperialist espionage organizations actively interfere in the internal affairs of our country and, in fact, are the organizers and main leaders of the undeclared war against our country. Our people strongly condemn these espionage actions in their free and independent country, and they ask the people of the world to raise their voice more than ever before against the undeclared war by imperialism against our country. Well, esteemed journalists, although the major portion of the information is embodied in the BAKHTAR statement, if you still have any questions I will provide the answers.

[Correspondent] Correspondent of *Haqiqat-e Enqelabe Sawr*, organ of the PDPA Central Committee. Could you please give us information about the component parts of the explosive substance which the above group has been giving the counterrevolutionaries?

[Unidentified speaker] [Words indistinct] the notes indicate the chemical substance formula for making explosive materials; notes on firing of mortar; notes on firing at flying objects; [words indistinct] notes in a notebook taught by this group to Afghan counterrevolutionaries. In this notebook was also a detailed description about the various kinds of chemical substance for manufacturing explosive materials such as making [words indistinct], mines, electronic [word indistinct] and how they should be planted, (?information) about mines and bombs, how they should be manufactured and where the retaining wall should be positioned; how the (?selected) substance should be placed. All the information was fully detailed. Moreover, manufacturing of various kinds of flashes and [word indistinct] for detonating bombs and mines were explained. [Words indistinct] for blowing up bridges, roads, etc.

[Correspondent] BAKHTAR correspondent. Please tell us about the place and date of the clash in which Stewart Bodman was killed.

[Unidentified speaker] The incident took place in Bagram District, Parwan Province, on 1 July 1983. This press conference was delayed because of a careful study of the documents and investigation of the criminals who had been arrested in this incident. We delayed this press conference to expose this event until today, that is to say, until the investigation and careful study of the documents were completed.

[Journalist speaking in Russian with consecutive Dari translation] A question from Soviet radio: Which portion of the notes and equipment obtained from Stewart Bodman indicates that he was a spy?

[Unidentified speaker] In replying to the first question, I mentioned the diary on the Afghan rebels and their method of using the explosive substance. In this respect, Stewart Bodman himself in his daily notes made entry about his activities in Afghanistan. (?In addition to this), it is also clearly and concisely mentioned in the BAKHTAR statement. All indicate that Stewart Bodman and his group were involved in espionage activities. In particular, on a page of his diary, Stewart Bodman wrote clearly that on a specific incident he communicated his information to headquarters. He did not describe the incident.

[Correspondent] Can you tell us in detail [words indistinct] that has been seized by the DRA Armed Forces, where it came from, on which route, and what was its final destination?

[Unidentified speaker] The confession of the criminals involved in this incident, who came into the custody of the Afghan security forces, indicates this consignment of lapis lazuli, on the order of one of the so-called leaders of the Jami'at-e Eslami, Mawlawi Abd ar-Rahman, was due to be transported via [name indistinct] district of Badakhshan Province to Pakistan. The starting point of the caravan was Badakhshan via Panjsher and during the night was due to be transported to Pakistan. The question may arise why did they not take the short route Badakhshan-Pakistan? The information and documents reveal that they, in fear of (?larger) bands, and to prevent the consignment from falling into the hands of the larger bands, took a longer and safer route. That is to say, Badakhshan-Panjsher-Bagram-Golbahar -Golbahar-Bagram. They chose this route for the transportation of consignment.

[Correspondent] Correspondent of Radio Afghanistan: Is there any mention in the document of the names of Afghans who were cooperating with this group?

[Unidentified speaker] Yes, in the daily notes of Stewart Bodman, the names of many Afghan subjects were mentioned. The names of two people who were helping the group to accomplish their espionage activities stand out. One of them is Taher, the person who assisted the above group in Paksitan to enter Afghanistan and served as interpreter. The other person whose name is mentioned by Stewart Bodman as an outstanding person is named (Ala'udin), who lived in Panjsher.

In regard to (Ala'udin), Stewart Bodman directly and indirectly admits that he enjoyed the valuable assistance and cooperation of (Ala'udin), who belongs to the Jami'at-e Eslami band.

We can see that there are no other questions. Well, we thank our esteemed guests, cultural attaches and diplomats, for coming here. We hope that the statements made in this press conference are reflected earnestly in the mass media. Naturally, the foreign correspondents will convey our words to their people and the world and will expose the interference and espionage of imperialism in our country. [end recording]

Pakistani Charge on Embassy Security 'Refuted'
BK051611 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] The Indian ambassador in Pakistan, Mr K.D. Sharma, refuted a Pakistani charge that the authorities did not take measures to protect the Pakistan Embassy in New Delhi when demonstrations were held in front of its recently. He was commenting on a statement issued by a spokesman of the Pakistan Foreign Office in Islamabad today.

Mr Sharma pointed out that demonstrations were part of the public scene in India and New Delhi had assured Pakistan of all measures to ensure the safety of its embassy.

'3-Day Opposition Conclave' Opens in Srinagar
BK051310 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] The 3-day opposition conclave opened in Srinagar today. After the keynote address by the Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, they took up for discussion the center-state relations. This was the only issue slated for discussion on the agenda.

The chief ministers of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, and Tripura, besides Jammu and Kashmir,and leaders of several opposition parties are taking part.

The coordination committee of the National Democratic Alliance, which met in New Delhi this morning, has decided not to participate in the conclave. The general secretary of the Lok Dal, Mr S.M. Mishra, told newsmen today that the decision has been taken keeping in view the totality of the present circumstances. A reply to invitations from Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah and the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Mr N.T. Rama Rao is being sent tomorrow, he said.

5 October Session Reported
BK051644 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] The Jammu and Kashmir [J and K] chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, has called for a review of the Constitution to ensure unity and integrity of the country. Inaugurating a 3-day meeting of the opposition leaders in Srinagar this afternoon, Mr Abdullah said more autonomy to states and genuine federalism alone can achieve this goal and the present conference is being held for this purpose. He alleged that an effort is being made to convert the federal structure of the country into a unitary one, much against the wishes of the Constitution makers. Dr Abdullah felt that the role of the governors, and executive, legislative, and financial powers of the union government are the main bottlenecks that come in the way of national integration and speedy development and the conference should discuss these problems.

After today's session, which was held in camera, the spokesman of the conference, Mr I.K. Gujral, told newsmen that the discussions centered on institutions and not on individuals. He also disclosed that leaders reached a near consensus regarding a number of topics including review of governors' role, allocation of resources between the center and the state, the role of the media like Doordarshan [television] and All-India Radio, composition and functioning of the planning commission, and the appointment of judges.

Among the leaders who spoke today were the West Bengal chief minister, Mr Jyoti Basu; the Andhra Pradesh chief minister, Mr N.T. Rama Rao; the Democratic Socialist Party president, Mr H.N. Bahuguna; the Congress-I [as heard] president, Mr Jagjivan Ram; the Communist Party of India leader, Mr Rajeswara Rao; and the Janata Party leader, Mr Biju Patnaik.

As already reported, the National Democratic Alliance of the Lok Dal and the Bharatiya Janata Party finally decided not to attend the conference.

The former J and K minister, Mr G.M. Shah, has described as a farce the allegation of the national conference leaders that the center wants to topple the state government. Addressing a news conference in Srinagar today, Mr Shah and four other leaders who were expelled from national conference yesterday, said the opposition leaders' meeting will adversely affect the center-state relations. He alleged that the opposition conclave has no other aim but to gain power at the center and remove Mrs Gandhi from office. Describing his expulsion and those of other colleagues as unconstitutional, Mr Shah alleged that there was rampant corruption and economic and political crises in the state.

Unidentified Gunmen Kill 8 in Punjab Incidents
BK060800 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 6 Oct 83

[Text] In Punjab, six passengers of a bus were shot dead and one other was injured by some unidentified persons near Bhiragaon in Kapurthala district last night. According to the inspector general of police, Mr P. S. Bhinder, the bus was on its way to Delhi from Amritsar. The gunmen forced the driver to take the bus to a link road before gunning down the victims.

In another incident, two passengers of Howrath Mail, including a subinspector of police, were shot dead when four unidentified assailants attacked them between Jullundur and Mananwala stations. Three others were also injured in the incident. The assailants had got into the train in Jullundur and escaped after pulling the chain at Mananwala near Amritsar.

Senior police officers are investigating both the incidents.

India Informed of Concern Over Demonstrations in Delhi

BK051556 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] The Pakistani Government has informed the Government of India about its deep concern for the recent demonstrations supervised by the ruling Congress-I Party in front of the Pakistani Embassy in New Delhi. In these demonstrations, New Delhi's local administration helped demonstrators, providing facilities for them.

A Foreign Office spokesman said in Islamabad today that the Congress-I organized a demonstration in front of the Pakistani Embassy in New Delhi on 23 September. The demonstrators raised highly objectionable slogans against Pakistan and its president. The demonstration was led by members of parliament belonging to the Congress-I. Another demonstration was held by a women's group in front the Pakistani Embassy last Friday [30 September] and was led by the deputy chairman of the Delhi Metropolitan Council and a Congress-I member. A New Delhi Municipal Corporation truck supplied food and drinks to the demonstrators. The spokesman said official support for such demonstrations against the embassy is against diplomatic norms.

While international laws demand that the concerned government provide security to diplomatic missions against such disturbances, India has openly violated this basic responsibility of diplomatic relations. The Indian Government is not taking steps to protect diplomatic missions from such disturbances and India's ruling party and administrative bodies are encouraging demonstrators and are themselves organizing demonstrations which obstruct the diplomatic mission from discharging its duties.

The spokesman said in contrast to this the Pakistani Government is fulfilling its responsibilities according to international law and is pursuing the policy of establishing lasting peace and good-neighborly relations with India.

Afghan Defector Relates 'Sovietization Process'

BK060255 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] The chairman, department of history in Kabul University, Professor Dr Sayed Mohammad Ussuf Elmi, has defected and crossed over into Pakistan. In a radio interview, he said the Sovietization process in the Kabul University is in full swing. He pointed out that the subject of history of Islamic arts has been struck from the syllabus and the philosophy of Marxism and scientific socialism introduced in place. He said the enrollment in the university is nominal and students of the university are drafted forcibly into the Army.

About the Afghan mujahidin's activities, he pointed out that 80 percent of the country is in their hands. Even major cities and highways are controlled by the mujahidin after 1700.

Prof Ussuf Elmi said those who did not support the Karmal regime were tortured to death in various ways including electric shocks. Thousands of ulema and religious scholars have been executed or lodged in jail. Fake and hired ulema belonging to the Parcham faction were brought on radio and television for propaganda.

Briefs

Japanese Grant Assistance — Under an agreement signed in Islamabad on 2 October, Japan will extend $8.3 million as grant assistance to Pakistan for import of machinery and equipment for the construction and improvement of a road. [Summary] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 2 Oct 83 BK]

Azad Kashmir Transmitter — The 150-kw mediumwave transmitter of Azad Kashmir radio, Muzaffarabad, was formally commissioned by Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Raja Mohammad Zafarul Haq on 2 October. [Summary] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 2 Oct 83 BK]

BANGLADESH

Ershad Greets Maldives' Gayoom on Reelection

BK060715 Dhaka BSS in English 0625 GMT 6 Oct 83

[Text] Dhaka Oct 6 (BSS) — The president of the Council of Ministers Lt. Gen. H.M. Ershad has congratulated Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom on his re-election as the president of the republic for a second term.

In a message felicitating President Gayoom, Gen. Ershad said his reelection testified "your dynamic and dedicated" leadership that enabled Maldives [to] attain her remarkable progress in recent years.

The Bangladesh leader hoped the existing bonds of friendship between the two countries will grow further in the coming years. Gen Ershad paid an official visit to the Maldives last July.

NEPAL

Foreign Minister Departs for UNGA Session

BK051608 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] Foreign Minister Padma Bahadur Khatri left Katmandu today for New York to lead the Nepalese delegation to the 38th UN General Assembly session.

Water Resources and Supplies Minister Pashupati Shumsher Rana is to look after the foreign minister's portfolio until the return of Foreign Minister Padma Bahadur Khatri who has left for New York to lead the Nepalese delegation to the 38th session of UN General Assembly. (?This) notice has been given by the principal press secretariat of his majesty the king.

SRI LANKA

Liyanage Praises Indian 'Good Will, Efforts'

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[Text] Sri Lanka is appreciative of the Indian Government's expressions of good will in the recent crisis and even more the tangible efforts made to provide humanitarian assistance. In an address of felicitation on the election of Indian Union Minister of Tourism Khurshid Alam Khan as president of the general assembly of the World Tourism Organization, Secretary to the Ministry of State Douglas Liyanage said yesterday that he was sure that a clearer understanding of the events and attitude in Sri Lanka would soon develop in India. A greater appreciation of our good will and friendship would grow in our own country.

Offering his good wishes to Mr Khan, he recalled the historical ties between India and Sri Lanka, which run to more than 25 centuries. They are no less important now than they were in the past and no less sacred.

Mr Liyanage said what perturbs us is that in this instance ethnic differences, which generally lie dormant, not only utilized to cause human misery and economic damage within the country but also exploited at the same time to damage Sri Lanka's international reputation. He said emergency measures taken by the government had been successful both in reestablishing law and order in the affected areas and in providing succor and relief to the victims of violence. Life has returned to normal. Business activities have resumed. He pointed out that even the tourist charters, which were suspended for 3 weeks, have started to operate.

Ayatollah Khomeyni Addresses Tehran Clergy 5 October
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[45-minute address by Ayatollah Khomeyni to Tehran clergy and other clerics at Hoseyniyeh Jamaran on 5 October — recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. On the approach of the great month of Moharram, I am pleased to meet the distinguished scholars, esteemed preachers, and the scholars from the seminaries. In the month of Moharram, we have experienced grave tragedies. In Dezful and Andimeshk, our brothers, our youths, our sisters, our dear ones were martyred by the agents of America, by those who do not believe in Islam, by those who are against Islam. And yet, the world says nothing about it. The world's mass media at very best report that the Iranians say the Iraqis are bombarding them and the Iraqis say they are being shelled by the Iranians. They report only this, despite the fact that they come here and see the tragedies for themselves. The so-called human rights organizations, instead of condemning the oppressors, condemn the oppressed.

I hope that the most exalted Almighty God will grant this nation the power to enable it to withstand all these pains and tragedies. We are approaching a month during which your master, Husayn ibn 'Ali — peace be upon him — made a sacrifice. He sacrificed everything he had for the sake of Islam. You, being his followers, being from among those who love him, should follow his example and give whatever you own. We have nothing, however, for everything we have belongs to the most exalted Almighty God. We have nothing that has not come from Him and everything must be given for Him. We all belong to Him; our youths belong to Him; our assets belong to Him; everything we have belongs to Him. Everthing that we sacrifice for His sake was originally His.

There are many points that I ought to raise at this meeting, but I do not have the power [qodrat] to state them all. However, I will mention certain matters that are necessary to be noted at this particular point in time. Do not forget satans. These satans will resort to whatever they can and they will try in any way they can to influence the mind of this nation. The matter of the Iraqi military attack is not all that important, for — praise be to God — the warriors of this nation have appropriately responded to it. Whatever the mass media say no longer influences anyone in the world because their character is known to the world and cannot mislead our nations. What they have resorted to these days is aimed at sowing division. For example, they say this official pursues one line of policy and another official pursues an opposing line of policy. This is being said about officials who are together in everything and who are friends and brothers toward one another. The officials concerned know that what is being said about them is untrue. But simple-minded ones might believe such allegations about them. Again, the media say that this seminary follows one line of policy while another seminary follows a different line of policy; that one leader has one policy while another leader follows a different one; one section of the clergy pursues one policy while another section pursues a different one. The media tell the people of the existence of several lines of policy in an efffort to make the people believe that such things exist in Iran, that various leaders have their own particular lines of policy. Fact, however, is different, for there is no line of policy other than that of Islam; everyone follows this same line.

Gentlemen mounting the pulpit to preach during the months of Moharram and As-Safar have various religious obligations. One is to denounce those who spread such talk, namely, talk about various leaders pursuing various lines of policy. The people should be told that these people trying to sow the seeds of disillusionment among the people concerning certain officials are their enemies. Today, all officials are united; all those in charge are united; they are working for Islam. We do not have different lines of policy in Iran. This allegation is an invention made up by our enemies and their associates now that they have given up the hope of an armed uprising, of a military attack, of various other ways they have pursued. Now, they have come up with the idea that the Qom seminary is saying one thing and the Tehran militant clergy seminary another; that the leaders follow different lines; that the clergy follow various lines. The truth is different, however. I realize you know all this, but the simple-minded might be misled.

The elections will start soon. I have heard that certain people are acting in a (?hypocritical) way. There are certain individuals who have no faith in the Islamic Republic, but who are going to take part in election campaigning or try to become deputies, because they want to destroy or defeat the Islamic Republic. There are certain individuals who are inciting believers to take harsh measures in these issues. If intelligent people do not warn others and do not wake up themselves, it is possible that these elections will lead to great differences, just as happened during the constitutional movement. The people, especially members of the clergy, the combative clergy of Tehran, the esteemed instructors of Qom, the clergy in Mashhad, Esfahan, and everywhere should take care that this issue does not become the same as the constitutional issue. One group of people should not try to crush others because they have a candidate of their own and the other group would crush this group's candidate. If all this is for the sake of God, then come to an understanding with each other.

Of course, there is nothing wrong with campaigning, but it should not become the same as in the constitutional movement. It should not be the case that each group attacks the other group and then, as our enemies wish, different lines are created in the elections. All of you want Islam to be established in this country. You all want the Islamic Republic to continue. The continuation of the Islamic Republic depends on the fact that when you see the satans making plans and hatching plots in order to make you fight each other, you sit down together and reach understanding and create despair among the enemies. Today your enemies and the enemies of the Islamic Republic are planning to create sedition during the elections. This is a danger to our country. They cannot achieve anything through force, neither America nor the Soviet Union.

By resorting to force, they cannot harm a country where all the people are united. However, through conspiracy and their domestic agents, they can create disunity, and the elections will be their excuse. During elections, the people are dutybound, they have a religious duty, to refrain from crushing differences.

One of the issues I should refer to is that the fronts are in need of the clergy. In the same way that all the people would need the clergy to guide them, and that if there are conspiracies the clergy should neutralize them, so on the fronts and in the border towns, there is a great need for the clergy. The clergy should go to the fronts for the sake of God. They should go to the border towns and guide the people. There are satans everywhere; the armies of God should also be everywhere to confront them. I have often heard from the fronts that the clergy should go there, that they need the clergy. It is not fair for our dear youths to sacrifice themselves on the fronts and ask you to go and guide them and you do not do so. This is an issue to which you gentlemen should pay special attention. The months of Moharram and As-Safar provide opportunities for the gentlemen to go there, to take turns to go to the border towns. Some of the border towns say that they do not have a member of the clergy even for conducting marriage ceremonies. Even if it is by taking turns, the gentlemen should go to those towns; one person should go now and stay 1 month, and another person should stay for another month, to guide the people and teach people about their religious duties.

While expressing my thanks to the young people throughout the country for safeguarding to date this movement and the Islamic Republic, they should realize that they are still halfway along the road. We have a great need for these young people today. We have not yet reached the position that Islam imposes upon us. Wherever the gentlemen go to preach they should urge the young to fill the fronts. Thanks be to God, at the moment we have the power in our hands at the fronts, but we should not become proud that we are powerful. Until the end, we should always try to advance and to rid Iran of the enemy. As I have said repeatedly, and the esteemed officials have said, although we are not aggressive and will never be aggressive, the advances we make inside Iraqi territory are for the sake of defense — the defense of our own Islamic country and of the Islamic country of Iraq.

Today Iraq is faced with greater calamity than our country. Today the Islamic people of Iraq are suffering more than our people. The oppression afflicting Iraq is perhaps without precedent in any other age. The Iraqi people possess nothing. Leaders talk of Islam, yet they have no idea of Islam. They only know the word Islam, and yet they speak of Islam while trampling Islam underfoot. They have subjected the Iraqi Muslim people to oppression. At the moment there is no security in Iraq; some of the gentlemen who have recently come from Iraq say that the people have no security — they do not know what will happen to them tomorrow, what the Ba'thist Party will do to them. They are defending Islam in Iraq. Islam is being destroyed in Iraq. The Iraqi Armed Forces are not all Ba'thists; some of them are Ba'thists, the rest are Muslims. They should not sit until the Ba'thist Party tramples upon Islam and destroys all Islamic sanctities. Do not doubt that if they are able they will level all the holy places to the ground.

In the same way that with force and through malice they destroyed the tombs of God's saints in Baqi', they too will take anti-Islamic steps in Iraq and will not leave any of the holy shrines intact if — God forbid — they are able to do so. Why are the Iraqi people and the Iraqi Armed Forces not paying attention to these facts. Saddam is on the threshold of hell. The Ba'thist Party is on the threshold of hell and is in need of an uprising in Iraq, even a weak uprising.

We do not want to impose upon Iraq. We have a great deal of respect for Iraq. We have great respect for Iraq because the lord of the faithful is in Iraq — Imam Husayn is in Iraq. We wish the people to live in security alongside the holy shrines, not as it is at the moment when the people do not know what will happen to them, to their children or their ulema.

Today, we see that due to the weakness of some governments, America is ruling them from the other side of the world. We have cut off America's hand in such a way that it is paralyzed. The Gulf is in our hands and before America has time to move we will see to it that there will be no oil left for it. [shouts of "God is great"]

However, these governments' lack of attention has enabled America to stretch its hand from the other side of the world and to hold the reins of power in its hands. These governments have the power, but they do not have the intelligence to use their power. They have the power but they cannot use it properly. At the beginning, Iran had no strength. All the power belonged to the destroyed shah and America's lackeys. The Armed Forces and everything were in the hands of the Americans. However, our nation was wakeful and the leaders [as heard] of this nation were able to awaken the people and lead them, and they achieved that which was worthy of this nation. In other countries, the people are good, but they have no one to organize them and to make them prevent America's continuing and growing domination, or the Soviet union's domination.

You rulers possess the weapons, but those who possess weapons should know what they are doing; they should know where they should use them. You have weapons in your hands but you aim them against Islam. You know that the Islamic Republic wants Islam to be established in this and in all other countries. Nevertheless, you have taken up your arms and you act against Islam and the Islamic Republic. You have weapons but you do not know where to use them. If you unite, if all the Arab governments unite, the rest of the Muslims will be with you.

We will also be with them. They should unite and say to America: Who are you to come and run the Persian Gulf? What business is it of yours? What business is it of the Soviet Union to go to Afghanistan and desire to rule over that country? On what basis? They can do these things because they make use of the ignorance of some groups and the treason of others. Some groups are ignorant while other groups are treacherous. The poor people under their domination are able to do nothing.

May you all be successful in serving the people, the oppressed people. The government should serve those who have engaged in so much self-sacrifice for the sake of protecting Islam. They should serve the people of Dezful, Andimeshk, and Khuzestan, who have lost everything. They should serve them because this the religious duty of us all. May God's peace and blessings be upon you.

Foreign Minister Returns From UNGA Session 5 October
LD031353 Tehran IRNA in English 0900 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 5, IRNA — Foreign Affairs Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati returned back to Tehran Wednesday morning after taking part in a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

The Iranian foreign minister left Tehran for New York where current world issues including the issues of Palestine and Lebanon were discussed.

Comments on Participation, Meetings
LD052116 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Interview with Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati by unidentified correspondent on 5 October; place not given — recorded]

[Excerpts] [Correspondent] Following your participation in the 38th UN General Assembly, your speech and your meetings with foreign officials and delegates, could you give us your opinion of the current assembly, international gatherings and the Islamic Republic of Iran's participation in them? Could you also tell us what results you have achieved in connection with our country's foreign policy?

[Velayati] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I should like to say that the United Nations, like the whole world, this year is facing numerous problems and issues, which may be even more complicated than those which existed in the previous year or years. The main issues in connection with the whole world — the world's bipolar system, the progress of the cold war, the superpowers' clashes and the result of these clashes, which is an increase in the deployment of medium and long-range missiles in various parts of the world, the repeated defeats of the disarmament sessions, the world's economic issues,and the sad failure of the recent UNCTAD session in Yugoslavia — show that the superpowers are indifferent to man's fate or, more correctly and explicitly, they are aiming more than ever at the plunder of man, in particular the Third World man. Against this is the Third World countries' despair over whether the world will finally move toward an internationally just system. I should say that at present a kind of anarchy governs international politics.

Regarding regional issues, I should like to say that the issue of Palestine and Lebanon has priority. The other issue is that of Afghanistan. It should be said that both in Palestine and Afghanistan the main problem is the clash between Islam and the whole of blasphemy — Islam and blasphemy in their entireties.

On the Afghanistan issue, if the Muslims keep quiet in connection with this issue, it will be another Islamic country's turn tomorrow as today is Afghanistan's turn. It is thus that they intend to destroy Islamic countries. Of course, they will not be successful because of the Muslims' awareness.

On the Iran-Iraq war, we intend to move in a direction which will show that an aggressive regime has attacked us; we must stand against it; we must achieve our rights. We must carry out such measures so that whether in the region or elsewhere in the world no regime would dare attack another country and, at least as far as we are concerned, no country or government which intended or intends to attack us would dare do this. Therefore, in this assembly, we decisively said that this war will continue until the achievement of our just rights and we will stand against any power, great or small, which intends to help Saddam.

On the whole, by participating in the UN, or any other, General Assembly, we aim, first, to prevent the propaganda and political conspiracies against the Islamic Republic as much as possible and, second, to being effective on our part in drawing a line for independence and real nonalignment in the world, inspiring courage among the other Third World and Islamic countries to the effect that with reliance on their nations and integrity — Third World countries and Islamic countries in particular — they can dispel the bipolar world spell. In other words, a return to themselves and integrity among the Third World and Islamic countries could break the spell put on today's world. Our feeling is that we have been tangibly successful in the few years since the revolution, praise be to God. It is rather naive to assume that our statement in the General Assembly will immediately yield tangible practical results. There are certainly numerous positive points about our presence there and about expressing our views; that would certainly not be the case if we had not participated and if we had not expressed our views.

On the fringe of this assembly, we held talks with the foreign ministers of several countries and high-ranking officials of some other countries. We had useful meetings with the Nicaraguan leader, the prime minister of Suriname, the UN secretary general, the foreign ministers of Nicaragua, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Pakistan, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Algeria, Libya, Syria, China, and Western Sahara, the head of the UN Development Organization at his own request, and the foreign ministers of Albania, Romania, and Malaysia. These meetings were a continuation of earlier meetings with many of them in their visits to Iran or in our visits to their countries.

Peace and God's mercy and blessing upon you.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,481
LD051748 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Communique No 1,481 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The situation on the battlefronts of the imposed war hereby is brought to the attention of our dear compatriots. Yesterday, the victorious and powerful combatants of Islam on the operational fronts of Piranshahr, Sar Dasht, Baneh, and Marivan returned the artillery fire of the Iraqi forces. Our forces silenced the fire of the Saddamist mercenaries and killed several of the aggressive Iraqi Ba'thist troops, destroyed 2 enemy trucks and 2 engineering vehicles, and set fire to and destroyed some of their positions in the Hajj 'Umran sector.

Sporadic exchanges of artillery and other heavy weapons fire between the warriors of Islam and the Saddamist mercenaries continued on the border fronts of Bakhtaran. Our forces defended the regions and positions under their protection and, by opening fire and dispatching patrol groups, prevented the enemy from carrying out engineering works, stopped their troop movements, and destroyed an engineering vehicle, a tank, and a heavy mortar belonging to the Iraqi forces. By destroying a considerable number of enemy positions and defensive trenches, our forces killed or wounded several of their troops.

On the country's western fronts, exchange of fire was more intense in the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab region.

The proud warriors of Islam on the southern fronts continued to consolidate their defensive positions. By opening defensive and harassing fire on positions, units, supply points, and supply routes of the Iraqi forces, losses were inflicted on them. By dispatching patrol groups and by setting up observation posts, our warriors monitored the movements and engineering operations of the Saddamist mercenary forces. On appropriate occasions, our forces halted or disrupted the enemy movements.

The brave combatants of the Gendarmerie on the Abadan fronts opened fire on enemy positions and fortifications on the other side of the Arvand Rud and silenced the fire of the Iraqi forces; several of the Saddamist mercenary troops were either killed or wounded.

Yesterday, just as in previous days, the city of Abadan came under artillery fire from the Iraqi Ba'thist aggressive forces, which damaged two houses and shops and set fire to several districts of the city.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Majlis Speaker Meets With IRGC Intelligence Section

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[Text] Tehran, oct. 4, IRNA — In a meeting with visiting members of the intelligence section of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps here today, Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani said that once the "backing of the outlawed (political) sub-groups is struck, in fact the epicentre of global corruption is shattered." The Hojjat ol-Eslam reminded that the IRGC's fighting with the rightist groups is in fact a fight with imperialism and one with CIA agents and the intelligence services of the superpowers as well as the "KGB" in Iran.

In another meeting here today, Majlis speaker received another group of the personnel of the IRGC and IRGC officers in charge of the data centre of in-service and reserve combatants. In his speech to the visiting group Hashemi-Rafsanjani sid that nobody in Iran could believe that the Baghdad government which had claimed to be preparing its armed forces for fighting with the Zionist regime would one day dispatch its forces to fight the Iranians.

Referring to Saddam Husayn, he said that "ferocious" figures in the world today were giving away destructive missiles" to a [word indistinct] in order that he drop them upon innocent people during the nightfall."

Tabriz Friday Imam Meets With Guards Officials

GF051114 Tabriz Domestic Service in Azeri 1530 GMT 3 Oct 83

[Excerpts] The Islamic Revolution guards of District 5, the military training officers of the Mobilization Headquarters, and other guards held a meeting around noon yesterday with Ayatollah Malakuti, Tabriz Friday imam and representative of the imam in Azerbayjan, and took note of his guidance.

The Ayatollah cited certain passages of the Koran and said that our goal is to wipe out corruption and plots and to establish the laws of God on earth. As long as the source of corruption, the big powers, are around, we have to crusade to eliminate corruption and plots until the laws of God are established.

Ayatollah Malakuti, in another part of his speech, said: The big powers have made problems for Lebanon, Chad, Afghanistan, and other Muslim areas and will not have mercy on [words indistinct] of Iran. They will bring down the houses on the heads of the owners as is typical of the work of the big powers. Ayatollah Malakuti told the Muslims of the world: Muslims, whereever you are, you should crusade with unity and togetherness. Concluding, the Friday imam of Tabriz asked the audience to see to the problems of the villagers, whose goals are God, and to be very kind to the villagers.

IRNA: Saudis Reportedly Segregate Iranian Pilgrims

LD051351 Tehran IRNA in English 0903 GMT 5 Oct 83

[Text] Mecca, Oct 5. IRNA — The Saudi Regime, by employing (?200) Egyptians, Pakistanis, and Sudanese as drivers, labourers and servants, embarked on collecting information about Iranian hajj pilgrims this year, a Palestinian Muslim who preferred to remain unidentified, told IRNA here.

The objective of the Saudi regime in taking such a measure was to hinder contact of non-Iranian hajj pilgrims with Iranians, he said.

In spite of this Saudi measure, most of pilgrims of other countries would hail the Islamic revolution and Imam Khomeyni whenever they could find an opportunity to meet an Iranian pilgrim.

This attitude is more visible among Egyptian pilgrims, who spoke very enthusiastically about the Islamic revolution of Iran. This is an indication of the fact that Egypt would witness new events in future.

Reportage on Recent Afghan Mujahidin Activities

Herat Village Defended

LD012221 Tehran IRNA in English 1929 GMT 1 Oct 83

["Soviet Occupation Forces Martyr 26 Civilians" -- IRNA headline]

[Text] Zahedan, Oct. 1, IRNA -- Joint Soviet and Afghan Government forces surrounded the village of Karim-Khan, in Herat Province, late last week, killing 36 [number as received] innocent villagers and one Muslim combatant by the fire of long-range weapons. While resisting for three days, the Muslim combatants stopped the aggressors from occupying the village and destroyed three tanks of the aggressors and killed some of them, according to reliable sources.

Also, in the past week, Muslim combatants destroyed eight tanks and personnel carriers and killed some of the joint forces of Afghan Government and Soviet aggressors in Ghurian, Herat Province. Muslim combatants returned safely to their bases after the operation, reliable sources were quoted as saying.

Soviet Officers Captured

LD022118 Tehran IRNA in English 1938 GMT 2 Oct 83

[Text] [Place name indistinct], Oct. 2, IRNA — Seven Soviet officers were captured in an ambush laid by Afghan Muslim mojahedin in the Murian Ghosaddin front in Herat Province early this week. Reliable sources added that in this operation, a military vehicle and four Russian-made Kalashnikovs were seized by the mojahedin following their successful attack.

Retaliation Cited

GF031643 Tehran IRNA in English 1538 GMT 3 Oct 83

[Text] Zahedan, Oct. 3, IRNA — The Afghan Muslim mujahidin staged a military operation early last week against the joint Soviet and Babrak forces in Darb-e-Inqilab, district of Herat Province, in which they killed four of the invading forces and destroyed one of their tanks.

According to reliable sources here the Afghan fighters also killed two troops of the Red Army in Sultan Aqa District of Herat Province where they destroyed seven of the invaders tanks.

The sources added that in the wake of the two operations the joint Soviet and government forces retaliated brutally for their humiliating defeats, and under the cover of house inspections they surrounded the Sultan Aqa area, plundered people's belongings and martyred a group of innocent civilians.

Afterwards, the sources said, the invading forces bombarded the areas using jet bombers inflicting heavy damages and martyring a number of women and children.

Successes Detailed

GF031947 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 3 Oct 83

[Text] In their operations, the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries have killed 250 soldiers of the invading Soviet forces and the Kabul regime forces, downed one MIG, destroyed 7 tanks, 1 vehicle, and 1 ammunition dump, captured a considerable quantity of weapons and ammunition and 1 oil tanker, and captured a number of these forces in various areas in Herat Province, western Afghanistan.

The Muslim Afghan revolutionaries have purged a number of villages of the (Nozawa) District in Herat from the Soviet invaders and the regime ruling in Kabul.

Following the defeats inflicted on them by the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries in the province, the Soviet invading forces shelled residential areas in the area, martyring a number of Muslims.

Herat District 'Invaded'

LD032307 Tehran IRNA in English 1937 GMT 3 Oct 83

[Text] Zahedan, oct. 3, IRNA — Joint Soviet and Afghan forces, in huge numbers, deploying 300 tanks and six MIG fighter planes and helicopter gun-ships on Sunday September 25 invaded Shindand district of Herat Province and martyred over 40 defencless innocent Afghan Muslims, while destroying people's (? properties) and belongings in an operation which lasted five days.

Reliable sources here said that the Afghan Muslim fighters killed 200 invading troops and destroyed a MIG, six tanks and a vehicle belonging to the aggressive forces. They also took forty guns and considerable amount of munitions as booty.

According to the sources three high ranking officers of the joint invading forces were among those killed.

12 DRA-Soviet Troops Killed

GF041611 Tehran IRNA in English 1541 GMT 4 Oct 83

[Text] Zahedan, Oct. 4 IRNA — A total of nine Afghan and three Soviet troops were killed by Muslim Mojahidin in a two-phased operation started last week in Rozanbagh region of Herat Province. The Muslim combatants also destroyed a jeep, an oil tanker and an armoured tank.

NVOI Assails Aid to Afghan 'Counterrevolutionaries'

TA042116 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 4 Oct 83

[Unattributed commentary: "Aggression Against Democratic Afghanistan Continues"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: U.S. imperialism is escalating the undeclared war against the democratic government and

working people of Afghanistan. The main base of the Afghan counterrevolutionaries is in Pakistan. However, international imperialism headed by America, by means of its pseudoclergy agents in Iran, is also using our homeland to train terrorists and subversive bands and to dispatch them to our neighboring and fraternal country, Afghanistan.

Although Ziaul Haq's military dictatorship is the main agent and accomplice of imperialism in the Near and Middle East, including the undeclared war against Democratic Afghanistan, the pseudoclergy and other leaders of the Islamic Government of Iran try not to lag behind their older or younger brother, Ziaul Haq, in serving imperialism, particularly in the undeclared war against our Afghan brothers.

U.S.-made weapons and ammunition are sent from Karachi and other Pakistan towns to Peshawar and from Tehran and other Iranian cities to Torbat-e Jam in special trucks, mostly belonging to the army; camel and mule caravans laden with these weapons constantly ply the dry deserts and mountainous roads of western and eastern Afghanistan headed for the various border points of this country.

Some time ago, U.S. President Reagan announced that in addition to previous financial assistance, he had allocated another $105 million to the Afghan counterrevolutionaries. This enormous sum will be utilized for the dispatch of U.S. weapons and the formation and training of new bandit gangs outside Afghanistan and their dispatch to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan for subversion, murder, and killing. Of course, not one penny of this amount will be used to set up and train Afghan counterrevolutionary bands in Iran. The Islamic Government's leaders will pay all the expenditures from the pockets of our homeland's naked, hungry, and deprived toilers as well as from the pockets of Afghan toilers residing in Iran. The difference between Ziaul Haq's service and that of pseudoclergy dominating the Islamic Government of Iran, to the world satan, is in this respect only.

The intensification of the U.S. military presence in Pakistan provides suitable opportunities for continuing the undeclared war against the Afghan people. The headquarters of the large-scale U.S. assistance is the Pentagon's military bases in Pakistan. Hundreds of military instructors and CIA officers train the Afghan counterrevolutionaries in Pakistan. These saboteur-counterrevolutionaries, who allegedly call themselves defenders of Islam, while engaging in murder, killing, and subversion, blow up mosques and murder believing and patriotic clergy.

It should be noted that the anti-Afghan policy of Ziaul Haq's mercenary regime has aroused the increasing discontent of Pakistan's people. Pakistanis are protesting with the utmost resoluteness against U.S. military bases on Pakistani soil, against U.S. military presence in Pakistan, and against the presence of centers of Afghan counterrevolutionaries between the two countries' borders.

For over 40 days now, the waves of demonstrations and disturbances have engulfed all of Pakistan. Million-strong rallies and demonstrations by the masses against Ziaul Haq's military dictatorship are gradually taking on the shape of battle and combat. However, the national and democratic revolution of the Afghan people is deepening day by day. Today, the vast majority of the Afghan people support their national and democratic revolution.

Neither the plots of U.S. imperialism nor those of its overt mercenary, Ziaul Haq, are able to destroy the gains of the April Revolution and turn back the wheel of history, nor the cospiracies of the pseudoclergy agents in the Islamic Government of Iran. What is certain is that a fate similar to Ziaul Haq's ominous fate is awaiting all pseudoclergy who are hatching plots in our country against our nation and the Afghan nation.